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COMMISSIONERS REAPPOINTED John Gould and Louis W. Kemp were reappointed by the Governor on October 9 for six-year terms as members of the Texas Library and Historical Commission. Mr. Gould has been a member since his appointment by Governor Allred, September 28, 1937; he served as Chairman from September 1944 to September 1946. Mr. Kemp was appointed to the Commission by Governor Allred on August 29, 1938; he resigned in July 1940, was reappointed on October 14, 1941. He has been Chairman since September, 1946.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED At its meeting on October 14, the Texas Library and Historical Commission re-elected its present officers to serve until September 1948. They are: Chairman Louis W. Kemp; Vice-Chairman, Laura Aline Hobby; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert B. Gambrell.

AMARILLO The first branch of the Amarillo Public Library was opened October 18 according to Alice Green, Librarian. The branch will be established in the San Jacinto Youth Center and will be stocked mostly with books for young people.

COLUMBUS Ground breaking ceremonies at the site of Mansfield Memorial Library were held on Monday, October 13. This first unit of the library will house a reading room, work room, and shelf room for about three thousand books.

EL PASO Miss Helen Farrington, Librarian, reports that the El Paso Public Library is building a reference collection of special interest to business men... In cooperation with the El Paso Bird Study Club the Boys' and Girls' Department of the Library is featuring bird books, pictures and stories.

FORT WORTH Mrs. Lois White Henderson, Assistant Librarian, Tarrant County Library, has been appointed Associate Librarian in the Historical Department of the Fort Worth Public Library. The first in a series of free weekly art classes for talented pupils in the public schools was held in the basement of the Public Library on October 4. Classes, to continue through May, are provided each year by the Fort Worth Art Association.

SHERMAN The Education Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is making plans to expand the Sherman Library. The Committee has discussed the purchase of a bookmobile as well as general improvement of the library service.

SEND YOUR WANTS TO US Texas librarians are asked to send us the titles of books for which they have requests but no funds - technical books, unusual items which would circulate only once or twice in the average library, and similar items. This is one type of material the State Library is designed to lend you.

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REGIONAL MEETINGS Regional meetings of county librarians will be held in San Antonio, Saturday, November 1, Chairman, Miss Frederica Kilgore; San Angelo, Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8, Chairman, Mrs. Margaret J. Hoyal; Dallas, Monday, November 10, Chairman, Mr. Arless Nixon; and Amarillo, Saturday, November 15, Chairman, Miss Lillian Newton.

PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR COUNTY LIBRARIES The County and Regional Libraries Section of the Library Extension Division at the American Library Association meeting in San Francisco discussed the following standards for county libraries. These are proposed requirements for listing as a county library by the A.L.A.

Mildred Sandoe and a committee of extension librarians approved the following qualifications:

A library shall be listed as a county library only if it meets the following conditions:

1. (a) Gives service to all or the major portion of a county, or
   (b) Operates under a county, county district, or regional library law.
2. Receives at least 10 cents per capita income. (In computing income, include the actual appropriation plus rentals, gifts, fines, etc.)
3. Circulates at least 2 books per capita.
4. Gives direct book service to rural people through the medium of branches, stations, bookmobiles, etc.

Libraries must meet three of the four qualifications and must meet 1 and 4.

How does your county library meet these qualifications?

HOUSTON MEETING First of the five regional meetings of county librarians was held in Houston, October 3, with representatives from Harris, Jefferson, Galveston, Wharton, Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Montgomery Counties. Outside visitors included some from the State Library and Bexar County. Flora Reeves of Wharton presided at the luncheon gathering held at Ye Olde College Inn near Rice Institute. The theme of the discussion was a proposed county librarians' workshop to be held in April just before T.L.A. Interest was also shown in the Brazoria County bookmobile being built in Houston, and in problems of bookmobiles, and of buildings for the two new county libraries in the area.

LIBRARY CLINIC Second Annual McMurray College Library Clinic was held in Abilene, October 17 and 18, with Mrs. Rosita Hollar, Librarian, as organizer. All librarians in the area were invited and many other people interested in young people's reading. Attendance was large, particularly on the part of school librarians and administrators. The main speaker and consultant was Miss Siri Andrews, widely known authority on children's books, formerly a librarian, at present editor of the children's book department of one of the large publishing companies. Miss Andrews talked on the reading program in the schools, on encouraging the reading of good fiction by children to prepare them for the uncertain world of tomorrow, on how clubwomen can help increase book facilities for the young, and on publishing children's books. Question and answer periods followed each session with Mattie Ruth Moore, of the State Department of Education, serving as chairman for the school group discussion.

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MORGAN STANDING The County and Regional Libraries Section of the Library Association at the American Library Association meeting in San Francisco discussed the relative standards for county libraries. Some are proposing requirements for listing as a county library by T.L.A.

Mildred Dodge was a committee member approving library standards. A library should be listed as a county library only if it meets the following qualifications:

(1) Provides service to all people in the major portion of a county, or

(2) Operates under a county-wide district, or

(3) Operates under a regional library law.

2. Tuesday at least 10 years per week, in accordance with income, including the annual expenditure plan, salaries, rent, time, etc.

3. Circulates at least 1 books per year.

4. Gives service book service.

5. Gives service through the medium of bookmobiles, stations, deposits, etc.

Lawrence sent lists of the four rural districts and each [illegible] and 4.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: State Library Books

The following books may be borrowed from the Texas State Library Austin, by any resident of Texas without charge. Borrowers pay postage both ways (a few cents).

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DO YOU RIDE A HOBBY?

AKE IT YOURSELF BOOK OF HANDICRAFTS, by H. H. Walsh ... THE BOOK OF NDOOR HOBBIES, by Emanuels Stieri ... BUILDING THE SMALL BOAT, by liff Bradley ... TREASURY OF HOBBIES AND CRAFTS, by Michael Estrin.

ADVENTURES WITH A TEXAS NATURALIST
by
Roy Bedichek

Texas scenes recollected in tranquillity might well be a sub-title to this delightful book by a scientist who is also a writer and a philosopher.

Here are a naturalist's observations on birds and bird names, flowers and flower names, the personalities of plants as well as animals and birds; here is a naturalist's description of a camping trip in the Davis Mountains; and, more important, here is set forth an account of the interrelated effects of civilization on nature and the mysteries of animal and plant behavior, the part fences have played as cattle have destroyed wild life, the value of right of ways in giving refuge to old and new species.

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